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ABSTRACT

Each of the 39 children's craft projects included in this document was selected because: (1) it is appropriate for a library program and helps to further the goals of children's services; (2) it may be successfully completed by children 3 to 12 years old with a minimum of adult help; (3) it requires only inexpensive and commonly available materials; (4) it is enjoyable to make and use; and (5) it leads to a finished product which is worth the time and materials invested. In addition to listing the required materials and instructions, each project description includes information on the intended age group, maximum number of participants, adult help necessary, time required to complete the project, and stories to use in conjunction with the craft. The table of contents indicates which projects are particularly easy or especially inexpensive. (ESR)

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PREFACE

Craft programs and activities have long been an important part of public library service to children. Most often, they are planned to illustrate and reinforce characters and concepts introduced through stories. Other craft programs may be designed to give children satisfying creative experiences, using instructions found in library materials that may then be borrowed for use at home.

Children's Librarians work with a wide range of ages, from preschool through middle or junior high school. It can be difficult to find the time to search out, practice and prepare craft projects appropriate to all of these groups. Therefore, the Children's Librarians of the Orange County Public Library have contributed the ideas in this booklet to help those needing crafts for children three to twelve years old. All have been used successfully with groups of children in the library, and were selected for inclusion because they met the following criteria:

1. The craft project is appropriate for a library program and helps to further the goals of Children's Services.
2. The project may be successfully completed by the indicated age group with a minimum of adult help.
3. Necessary materials are inexpensive and commonly available.
4. The craft is enjoyable to make and use.
5. The finished product is worth the time and materials invested in it.

In addition to listing the required materials and instructions, each project includes the following information:

1. AGE GROUP: This is the age at which most children will enjoy creating and using the finished project, and can do so without becoming frustrated.
2. NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS: For most of these ideas, the number of participants is unlimited by the craft itself. However, the number of children you should plan for will be limited by the materials, work space and adult help you have available.
3. HELP NEEDED: Unless an activity is especially complex, or the participants are under five years old, one adult will be needed to work with each 15-25 children.
4. TIME REQUIRED: This is an estimate of the time required for most of the children in the group to complete the project. Some children will finish earlier, and others more slowly. The time indicated is for the craft only, and does not include time spent telling stories.

Proper workplace preparation is assumed, so is not included in the instructions or advance preparations for any individual craft. Always spread newspapers, butcher paper or other material on tables or floor when glue, paints or other potentially messy ingredients are called for. Paper towels should be readily available to wipe up spills and dirty fingers. To minimize the necessity of cleaning up major spills and messes, a brief discussion of proper craft time behavior and the responsibility of each participant to keep his own area and materials neat is a good idea.

Always make a sample craft to be sure you understand the instructions and to give children a clear picture of what they are creating.

With appropriate pre-planning and preparation, craft programs can be a meaningful part of your total Children's Service program, providing an enjoyable learning experience for both children and staff.

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ANGEL ORNAMENT

Age Group 6-12 Time Required 15 minutes

Number of Participants Unlimited Help Needed 1 adult/20 children

STORIES TO USE IN CONJUNCTION WITH CRAFT:

Those with holiday themes

MATERIALS FOR EACH ANGEL:

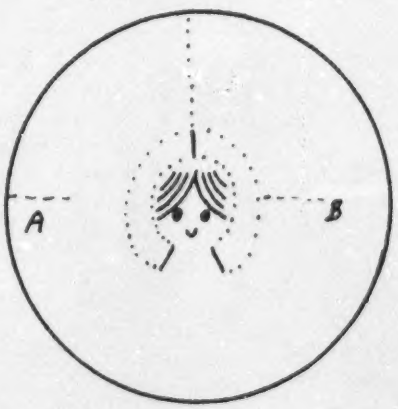
1 Thin paper plate with fluted edges, 8" or 9" in diameter
Thin-tipped marking pens
Crayons
Yarn for hanger and/or hair (optional)
Glue (optional)
Scissors

ADVANCE PREPARATIONS:

Mark cutting lines on convex sides of paper plates. Cut plates if group is young or time is limited.

DIRECTIONS:

1. Cut plate on pre-drawn lines.
2. Draw facial features.
3. Glue on yarn hair, if used.
4. Assemble angel by sliding slit A into slit B to form a cone-like body with wings. Fold arms forward over head on solid lines into "praying" position.
5. Attach yarn to head if hanging ornament is desired.



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BATIK/Sandpaper

Age Group 5 and up

Time Required 60 minutes

Number of Participants No more than 10 children per iron

Help Needed One adult per iron

STORIES TO USE IN CONJUNCTION WITH CRAF:

A Story, A Story - Haley X398.096(P)

MATERIALS FOR EACH BATIK SQUARE:

1 Sandpaper sheet
1 Muslin square
Electric iron
Wax crayons
Clean white paper to iron on

ADVANCE PREPARATIONS:

Cut fabric to same size as sandpaper sheets

DIRECTIONS:

1. Draw design on sandpaper. Color design heavily with wax crayons. If words are used, these must be written in reverse to appear correct when design is transferred to cloth.
2. Place crayoned surface face down on the fabric square and iron very slowly so that all wax melts into the fabric.
3. Fabric square may be mounted on a stick or joined to others to form a wall-hanging.

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Laguna Beach 11

BELL ORNAMENT

Age Group 6 - 12 Time Required 15 minutes

Number of Participants Unlimited Help Needed 1 adult/15 children

STORIES TO USE IN CONJUNCTION WITH CRAFT:

Beebi, the Little Blue Bell - Gezi XFic (P)

Holiday themes

MATERIALS FOR EACH BELL:

1 Styrofoam cup
Decorated paper napkins
Transparent plastic particles
Yarn or string
1 Small "jingle bell" ornament
White glue
Plastic bags

ADVANCE PREPARATIONS:

None

DIRECTIONS:

1. Tear pictures/scenes from paper napkins.
2. Poke small hole in center of cup bottom.
3. Cover cup with a thin coat of glue.
4. Place pictures on cup and smooth, dabbing with more glue.
5. Drop cup into plastic bag of plastic particles; shake until covered.
6. Set aside to dry.
7. When dry, thread yarn or string through hole in cup bottom. Tie small "jingle bell" ornament to end of yarn as bell "clanger".
8. Tie a knot a few inches above the "jingle bell" ornament so that the cup is stopped and the knot keeps the yarn in place so the clanger will show.

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"BOO" MASK
Easy/Inexpensive

Age Group 3 - 6 Time Required 5 - 10 minutes

Number of Participants Unlimited Help Needed 1 adult/12 children

STORIES TO USE IN CONJUNCTION WITH CRAFT:

Bobby Bear's Halloween - Helmrath XFic (P)

MATERIALS FOR EACH MASK:

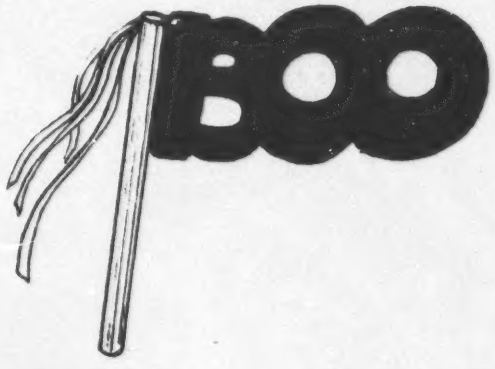
Construction paper in various colors - heavy
1 Drinking straw
Glue
Strips of colored paper or ribbons
Tape

ADVANCE PREPARATIONS:

Pre-cut the word "Boo" in thick letters for each participant. Be sure letters all touch at some point. Cut out centers of "O" and "B".

DIRECTIONS:

1. Choose one "BOO" and one straw.
2. Tape or glue "BOO" to top of straw.
3. Add colored paper strips or ribbons to top of straw alongside "BOO".
4. Remind children to be careful when carrying their masks and not to poke anyone with their straws.



Source: Sunset Crafts for Children
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BOOKWORM MAGNET

Age Group 3 -5 Time Required 10 minutes

Number of Participants 20 Help Needed 1 adult/20 children

STORIES TO USE IN CONJUNCTION WITH CRAFT:

Inch by Inch - Lionni XFic (P)
Very Hungry Caterpillar - Carle X595.78 (P)

MATERIALS FOR EACH BOOKWORM:

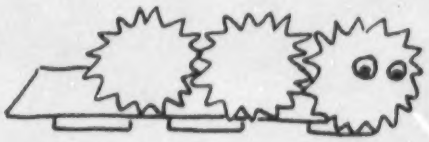
3 Small green pom-poms
Green felt
Flexible magnetic strip
2 Small "wiggle eyes"
White glue
Small bowls
Scissors

ADVANCE PREPARATIONS:

Cut magnetic strip into small pieces.
Cut felt into small strips (2 1/2" x 1/2"; larger if large pom-poms are used).

DIRECTIONS:

1. Dab three pom-poms, one at a time, into a small bowl of glue, then place on a felt strip.
2. Place a small dab of glue on each child's finger; touch "wiggle" eyes to glue and place on one pom-pom at end of felt strip.
3. Glue magnetic pieces to bottom of felt strip, under pom-poms.
4. Allow project to dry while telling a final insect, butterfly or spring story.



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BUNNY

Age Group 6 - 10 Time Required 20-30 minutes

Number of Participants 30 Help Needed 1 adult/10 children

STORIES TO USE IN CONJUNCTION WITH CRAFT:

Runaway Bunny - Brown XFic (P)
Tale of Peter Rabbit - Potter XFic (P)

MATERIALS FOR EACH BUNNY:

1 Large cotton ball
2 Small cotton balls
Construction paper (white & pink)
White glue
Scissors

ADVANCE PREPARATIONS:

Cut feet out of pink construction paper: 2 1/2" long and as wide as the large cotton ball
Cut ears out of white, and ear linings out of pink, construction paper:
EAR: 1 1/2" wide LINING: 1"
Cut round eyes and triangular noses from pink construction paper.

DIRECTIONS:

1. Glue large puff to feet; only front of feet should show under cotton puff.
2. Glue one small puff to top of large puff.
3. Glue pink ear lings to white ears; glue these to the back of the small puff, bottom of ears even with bottom of puff.
4. Tear second small puff in half. Roll half into a small ball and glue to back of large puff for tail. Glue remaining half to back of ears.
5. Glue pink eyes and noses to small puff as face.

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BUNNY PUPPET
Inexpensive

Age Group 3-8 Time Required 10 minutes

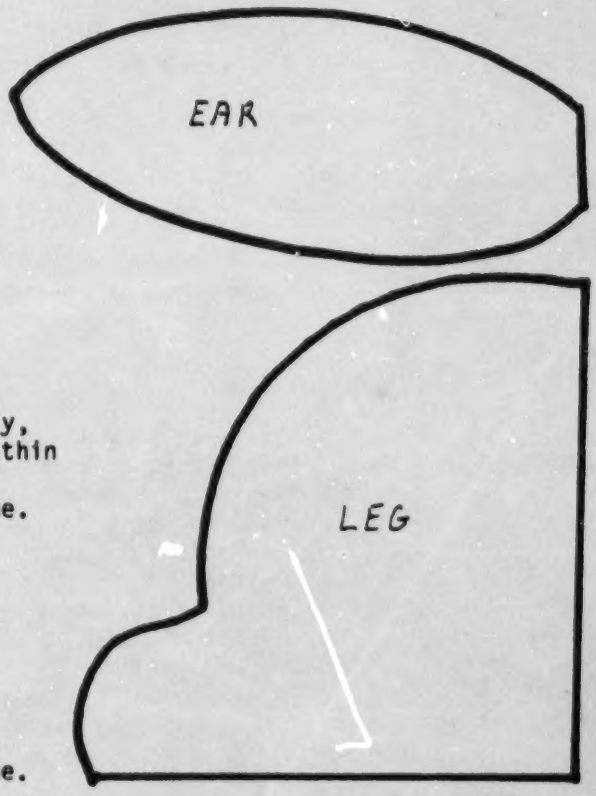
Number of Participants Unlimited Help Needed 1 adult/20 children

STORIES TO USE IN CONJUNCTION WITH CRAFT:

Daddy Long Ears- Kraus XFic (P)
Brer Rabbit and the Tar Baby - Harris XFic (I)
Country Bunny and the Little Gold Shoes - Heyward XFic (P)

MATERIALS FOR EACH BUNNY:

1 Business size white envelope
Felt pens
Glue
White paper
Crayons
1 Cotton Ball

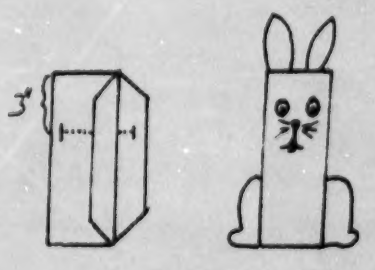


ADVANCE PREPARATIONS:

1. Cut ears and feet from white paper.
2. Slit backs of envelopes horizontally, three inches from the top and to within 1/2" of either edge of envelope. Do not cut through front of envelope. Glue flaps down.

DIRECTIONS:

1. Glue 2 ears and 2 legs to back of each envelope (the end nearer the slit will be the top of the bunny).
2. Draw bunny face on front of envelope. If desired, decorate bunny with clothes, pink ears, etc.
3. Glue cotton ball to back of envelope for tail.
4. Slide three middle fingers into envelope through slit. Thumb and little finger become bunny's front paws.



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BURLAP STITCHERY

Age Group 6-12 Time Required 90 minutes

Number of Participants 25 Help Needed 1 adult/8 children

STORIES TO USE IN CONJUNCTION WITH CRAFT:

Child can create a design to illustrate any story.

MATERIALS:

Colored burlap
Yarn in assorted colors
Tapestry needles (1 for each child)
Fabric pieces to applique (optional)
Scissors
Pencils

ADVANCE PREPARATIONS:

Cut burlap into rectangles 8 1/2" X 11" (1 for each child).
Zig-zag raw edges on sewing machine, if desired.

DIRECTIONS:

1. Demonstrate some simple stitches: running stitch, back stitch, satin stitch.
2. Draw simple, open design on burlap.
3. Thread needles with colored yarn (Fold yarn over needle, remove needle and squeeze fold firmly. Bring eye of needle down over fold; pull yarn through).
4. Children stitch and create their own designs, adding shapes cut from fabric if desired.

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CATERPILLAR/BUTTERFLY
Easy/Inexpensive

Age Group 3-8 Time Required 10-15 minutes

Number of Participants Unlimited Help Needed None, unless group is preschool

STORIES TO USE IN CONJUNCTION WITH CRAFT:

Very Hungry Caterpillar - Carle X595.78 (P)

MATERIALS FOR EACH CATERPILLAR/BUTTERFLY:

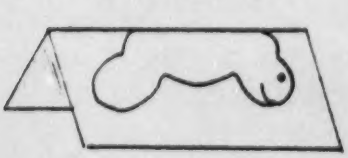
Construction or manila paper (1 sheet per child), 8 1/2" X 11"
Crayons
Scissors
Caterpillar/Butterfly pattern (may want 5 or 6 if children do their own tracing).

ADVANCE PREPARATIONS:

Cut patterns out of stiff cardboard. If working with young children, draw pattern on folded construction paper and cut out for all.

DIRECTIONS:

1. Place Caterpillar/Butterfly pattern against fold of 8 1/2" X 11" paper folded in half cross-wise.
2. Trace around pattern.
3. Cut out through both halves of paper.
4. Color outside of folded paper as a caterpillar.
5. Unfold paper and color inside as a butterfly.



Contributed by: Lucille Cruz
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EGG TREE

Age Group 5-12 Time Required 60 minutes

Number of Participants Unlimited Help Needed 1 adult/10 children

STORIES TO USE IN CONJUNCTION WITH CRAFT:

Egg Tree - Milhaus XFic (P)
Egg Craft - Newsome X745-5941
Easter Eggs for Everyone - Coskey X745-5941

MATERIALS

Hollow eggshells (children may bring their own, or these may be donated by friends and/or staff)
Glue, rickrack, ribbons, etc.
Peel-and-stick dots
Felt-tipped pens
Easter egg dye kits (2 for craft)
Vinegar
Tape
Small cups for dye
Pipe cleaners
Felt scraps
Tree branch
Plaster of Paris
Plastic Easter bucket
Easter grass

ADVANCE PREPARATIONS:

1. Find a small tree branch with many strong twigs.
2. Remove handle from plastic Easter bucket. Mix plaster-of-Paris in bucket. Insert bottom of branch in bucket as plaster hardens. Hold so branch will be straight.
3. Arrange Easter grass over hardened plaster.
4. Mix dye according to package directions.
5. Cut pipe cleaners into 3" pieces; shape into "S"
6. Set up three tables: Dye table
   Trim and glue table
   Felt-tip pen and peel & stick-dot table

DIRECTIONS:

1. Decide which of the three tables to work at.
2. Decorate egg with material provided.
3. Tape or glue pipe cleaner to top of decorated egg.
4. Attach egg to tree branch with pipe cleaner.

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ELEPHANT PUPPET

Age Group 3-7 Time Required 10-20 minutes

Number of Participants Unlimited Help Needed 1 adult/12 children

STORIES TO USE IN CONJUNCTION WITH CRAFT:

Elephant's Child - Kipling XFic (P)
"Babar" Series - Brunhoff XFic (P)

MATERIALS FOR EACH ELEPHANT:

2 Paper plates, 8 or 9" in diameter
2 Rubber bands
Paper
Tape
Stapler

ADVANCE PREPARATIONS:

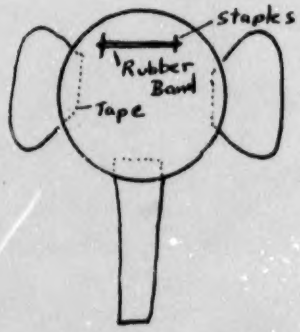
For pre-schoolers: cut trunk and ears for each child.

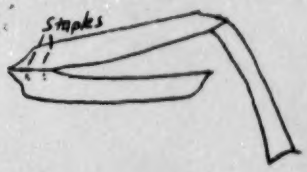
For school age: cut patterns for trunk and ears; have children trace and cut out their own trunks and ears.

For all: staple a rubber band to the bottom of each plate, 1 1/2" from edge.

DIRECTIONS:

1. Draw eyes on bottom of one plate, 2" below rubber band.
2. Color trunk and ears; tape to top of plate on which eyes are drawn.
3. Draw and color the inside of an elephant's mouth on top of the second paper plate.
4. Have staff member staple the two plates tops together.





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FINGER PUPPETS

Age Group 6-12 Time Required 45-60 minutes

Number of Participants 30 Help Needed 1 adult/15 children

STORIES TO USE IN CONJUNCTION WITH CRAFT:

Make a variety of animal puppets and use with "Old MacDonald had a Farm," or create characters to fit any story you choose to tell.

MATERIALS:

Felt in various colors
Scraps of other materials
Yarn
Cotton
Wiggle eyes or beads
Glue
Scissors

ADVANCE PREPARATIONS:

Make puppet patterns, 3 or 4" by 3 1/2"

DIRECTIONS:

1. Cut a rectangle out of felt 3-4" long and wide enough to wrap around finger, about 3 1/2".
2. Form rectangle into a cylinder by gluing the two 3-4" sides together.
3. Top of puppet head may be glued shut; corners made be rounded and glued; or top may be left open and covered with yarn or cotton hair, a hat.
4. Decorate with felt, material scraps, etc. to make features and clothes.
5. Puppets may become people, animals, or objects. It is a good idea to make a few samples ahead of time.

SOURCE: Halloween Crafts and Cookbook
Hathaway - X75.5941

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FISH

Age Group 3 - 9 Time Required 15 minutes

Number of Participants Unlimited Help Needed - None, unless group is preschool

STORIES TO USE IN CONJUNCTION WITH CRAFT:

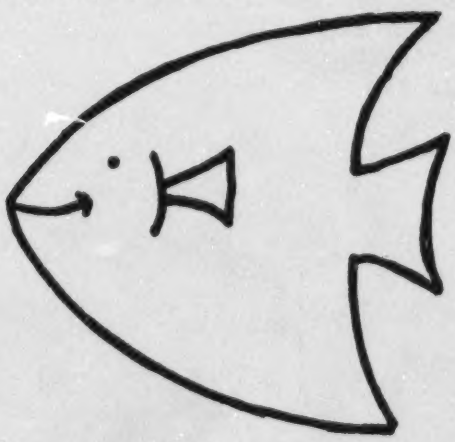
Swimmy - Lionni XFic (P)
A Fish Out Of Water - Palmer XFic (P)
Fish Is Fish - Lionni XFic (P)
Chinese Tales

MATERIALS FOR EACH FISH:

Paper - 8 1/2" X 11"
Watercolor paint (3 or 4 different colors)
Paint brushes
Water
Fish pattern
Scissors
Paper Towels

DIRECTIONS:

1. Trace fish pattern onto paper, cut out fish.
2. Place fish on paper towel. Brush clean water over fish until very wet.
3. Dab various colors of paint over fish. Touch only the tip of the brush to the paper, so paint spreads by itself.
4. Tell a fish story as paint dries, explaining that fish such as these were hung in children's rooms as a sign of protection for the sleeping children in Chinese homes.



Source: The You And Me Heritage Tree
Fiarotta X745.5 (I)

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FLOWER

Age Group 3-12 Time Required 10-20 minutes

Number of Participants Unlimited Help Needed 1 adult/10 children if young

STORIES TO USE IN CONJUNCTION WITH CRAFT:

Any Spring or Mother's Day Story

MATERIALS:

Construction paper-heavy
Buttons (2-hole type)
Pipe cleaners, colored
Hole punch
Scissors
Pencils
Crayons

ADVANCE PREPARATIONS:

1. Make pattern for schoolage children
2. Cut out flowers for preschool children

DIRECTIONS:

1. Draw flower on colored construction paper.
2. Color petals, if desired.
3. Punch two small holes in center of flower.
4. Thread button onto pipe cleaner; leave about 1" from end.
5. Slip the two ends of pipe cleaner through the two holes in the flower, one end through each hole.
6. Twist pipe cleaner ends together
7. Make more flowers to create a bouquet.

Source: Things to Make And Do For Easter
Cole X745.5941 (P)

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FOIL AND CORD PICTURE

Age Group 5 and up — Time Required 60 minutes

Number of Participants Unlimited — Help Needed 1 adult/20 children

STORIES TO USE IN CONJUNCTION WITH CRAFT:

Encourage children to illustrate a character or object from a story told during story portion of program.

MATERIALS:

Corrugated cardboard, cut into rectangles 4"X6" or larger
Cord 1/8" diameter (do not use yarn)
Glue
Foil
Undiluted poster paints
Scissors

ADVANCE PREPARATIONS:

None

DIRECTIONS:

1. Draw large, non-detailed design on cardboard.
2. Glue cord along all drawn lines
3. Tear a piece of foil large enough to wrap around both sides of cardboard.
4. Wrap very loosely over picture, pressing foil down into spaces between cords. Crimp, tape or glue foil to back of picture.
5. With fingers, smear undiluted poster paint where desired over foil picture.

Contributed by: Jane Self
Laguna Beach, 11

FROG / Pom-pom

Age Group 5 and up

Time Required 30 minutes

Number of Participants 25

Help Needed 1 adult/12 children

STORIES TO USE IN CONJUNCTION WITH CRAFT:

Frog and Toad books by Arnold Lobel XFic (P)
Sesame Street/Muppet storybooks (P)

MATERIALS FOR EACH FROG:

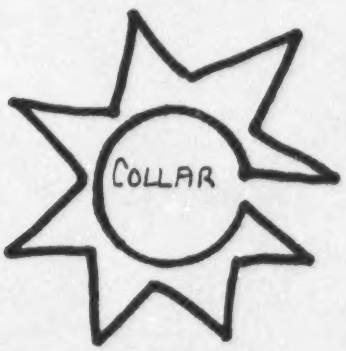
1 Large green pom-pom
1 Small green pom-pom
Lime green felt
Black Felt
2 Wiggle eyes
Glue
Scissors

ADVANCE PREPARATIONS:

Make collar patterns from light cardboard or heavy cardstock.

DIRECTIONS:

1. Glue smaller "head" pom-pom to larger "body" pom-pom
2. Glue wiggle eyes onto head.
3. Cut thin U-shaped month from black felt. Glue to head.
4. Using pattern, draw collar onto green felt. Cut out collar. Be sure middle circle will fit around frog's neck.
5. Glue collar onto body at neck.
6. Cut thin strips (2 1/2" long) as arms and legs; glue to body.



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FROG PUPPET
Inexpensive

Age Group 5-10 — Time Required 20-30 minutes

Number of Participants Unlimited — Help Needed 1 adult/20 children

STORIES TO USE IN CONJUNCTION WITH CRAFT:

The Frog Prince - X398.21 (P)
Foolish Frog - Seeger X784.4973 (P)
Frog Went A-Courtin' - Langstaff XFic (P)

MATERIALS:

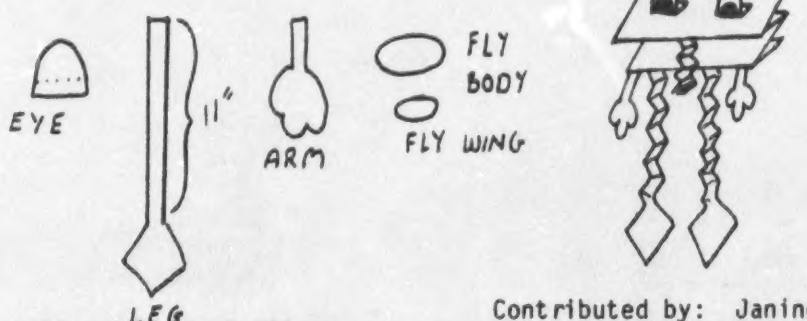
Green construction paper
Black peel-and-stick dots
Glue
Scissors

ADVANCE PREPARATIONS:

Make patterns for eyes, legs, feet and flies.

DIRECTIONS:

1. Cut eyes, legs and feet from green paper.
2. Fold an 8 1/2" X11" piece of green paper in thirds length wise, then in half (forming a "V"), and in half again (forming a "W").
3. Fold rear leg paper strips accordion-style; glue on feet. Glue all four legs to body.
4. Put black dots on eyes for pupils; glue eyes to head.
5. Accordion-fold small strip of paper for tongue. Glue to mouth.
6. Glue fly to tip of tongue, if desired.



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Westminster,32

GINGERBREAD MAN

Age Group 3 - 6 Time Required 10 minutes

Number of Participants Unlimited Help Needed 1 adult/12 children

STORIES TO USE IN CONJUNCTION WITH CRAFT:

Gingerbread Boy - Galdone X398.21

MATERIALS:

Construction paper
Red hot candies
Raisins
Miniature marshmallows
Paste

ADVANCE PREPARATIONS:

1. Cut out a "Gingerbread Boy" from construction paper for each child.
2. Put candies, raisins and marshmallows into small bowls.

DIRECTIONS:

1. Decorate paper "Gingerbread Man" shapes with candies, raisins and marshmallows, pasting these onto paper.
2. Caution children not to eat materials pasted on paper.
3. Have extra candies, raisins and marshmallows on hand for children to eat.

Source: Original

Contributed by: Linda Holtslander
Villa Park, 52

LADY BUG

Age Group 3 - 7 Time Required 15-20 minutes

Number of Participants Unlimited Help Needed 1 adult/10 children

STORIES TO USE IN CONJUNCTION WITH CRAFT:

Ladybug, Ladybug - Daly XFic (P); Kraus XFic (P); Hawes X595.769 (P)
Gnats of Knotty Pine Forest - Peet XFic (P)
Any insect or nature theme

MATERIALS FOR EACH LADYBUG:

Construction paper in various colors
1 Brad
Glue
Crayons

OPTIONAL:

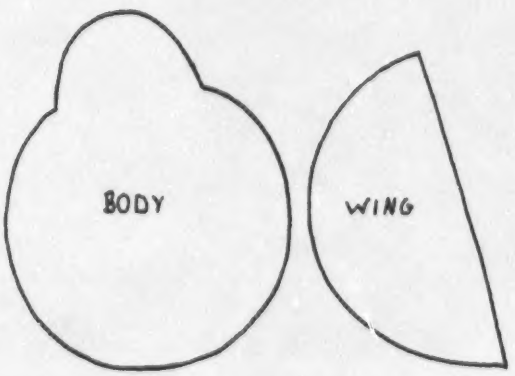
Stamp pads
Black marking pen
Tissues for wiping fingers

ADVANCE PREPARATIONS:

If desired, cut out bodies, wings, eyes and wing spots for each ladybug.

DIRECTIONS:

1. Overlap wings at base of head on body piece and attach wings to body with brad.
2. Glue eyes to head and wing spots to wings.
3. Draw details onto ladybug with crayons.
4. To carry out an insect theme, you may want to have children make thumbprint bugs on ladybug's back, under his wings, as described in Ed Emberly's Great Thumbprint Drawing Book, X760.028 (P).



Source: Peggy Green

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Phyllis Brown, University Park, 20

LAMB

Age Group 3-7 — Time Required 10 minutes

Number of Participants 25 — Help Needed 1 adult/12 children

STORIES TO USE IN CONJUNCTION WITH CRAFT:

Little Lost Lamb - MacDonald XFic (P)
Land of Flowers - Ipcar XFic (P)

MATERIALS FOR EACH LAMB:

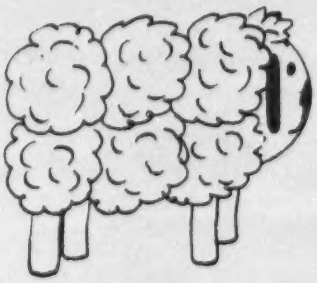
1 Bathroom tissue tube	Tissue paper (white)
15 Cotton balls	White glue
4 Tube macaroni	Tape
1 Ping pong ball	Black felt-tipped marker

ADVANCE PREPARATIONS:

1. Cut tissue tube in half
2. Cover ping pong balls with tissue paper: place ball in center of "square" of paper, bring upsides and corners of paper and twist. Secure with tape.

DIRECTIONS:

1. Glue four macaroni legs to 1/2 paper tube.
2. Draw a lamb's face on the covered ping pong ball with black marker. Glue ball to one end of tube.
3. Glue cotton balls all over tube and top of ping-pong ball to form lamb's wool.



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LANTERN
Easy

Age Group 6-10 Time Required 15-20 minutes

Number of Participants Unlimited Help Needed 1 adult/20 children

STORIES TO USE IN CONJUNCTION WITH CRAFT:

Use for program with a Japanese theme.

MATERIALS FOR EACH LANTERN:

Construction paper, 8 1/2" x 11"
Crayons or felt-tipped pens
Yarn
Tape or glue
Scissors

ADVANCE PREPARATIONS:

Cut yarn into 7" lengths.

DIRECTIONS:

1. Draw a scene or design horizontally onto construction paper.
2. Fold paper in half lengthwise, picture side out.
3. Make evenly spaced slits across the fold, stopping approximately 1 1/2" from each edge.
4. Open paper; tape or glue ends together.
5. Glue or tape yarn handle to top of lantern.

Source: Things To Do
Lee X745.5

Contributed by: Lucille Cruz
Silverado,54

MONSTER / Paper Bag

Age Group 5-9 Time Required 30 minutes

Number of Participants Unlimited Help Needed 1 adult/15 children

STORIES TO USE IN CONJUNCTION WITH CRAFT:

"Little Monster" Series - Mayer XFic (P)
Any Monster Story
Halloween Stories

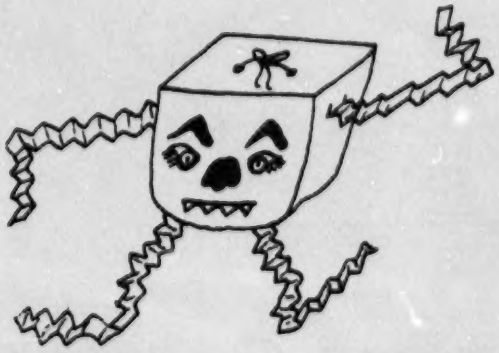
MATERIALS FOR EACH MONSTER:

1 Lunch-size paper bag
Newspaper
Construction paper
Yarn
Crayons and/or felt-tipped pens
Scissors
Glue
Tape

ADVANCE PREPARATIONS: None

DIRECTIONS:

1. To make "Monster" body, poke or punch 2 holes in flat bottom of bag (this will be the top of the monster's head). Weave yarn through holes and tie a knot or bow on outside.
2. Draw or paste a face on monster.
3. Open bag; stuff with crumpled newspapers until bag holds its shape.
4. Fold opening closed; tape flat.
5. To make arms and legs: Take two colored strips of construction paper; glue ends together to form an "L". Fold strips back and forth to resemble an accordian. Make three more; glue onto body.
6. With the addition of anntenna, bits of aluminum foil, etc., craft can be adapted to become a space creature.



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MOUSE COLLAGE

Age Group 3-12 Time Required 20-30 minutes

Number of Participants Unlimited Help Needed 1 adult/15 children

STORIES TO USE IN CONJUNCTION WITH CRAFT:

Any Leo Lionni mouse story

MATERIALS FOR EACH COLLAGE:

Gray felt (2 shades)
Black felt
Scraps of colorful fabric
Scraps of colored paper
Glue
Scissors
Posterboard or heavy construction paper

ADVANCE PREPARATIONS:

1. Make patterns for use by schoolage children (use book for idea).
2. Cut out felt mice for preschoolers.
3. Cut felt and colored fabric and paper to usable sizes. Include some odd shapes.

DIRECTIONS:

1. Look at Lionni illustrations
2. Select posterboard or construction paper for background.
3. Select several pieces of gray felt. Use pattern to draw mice onto felt, cut out mice.
4. Cut small round dots from black felt. Glue onto felt mice for eyes.
5. Cut flowers, rocks, etc. from fabric and paper.
6. Glue mice and fabric scraps to background to form an attractive picture.

Source: Original

Contributed by: Jane Self
Laguna Beach,11

"NAME" WALL-HANGING

Age Group 5-10 Time Required 10-15 minutes

Number of Participants Unlimited Help Needed 1 adult/10 children

STORIES TO USE IN CONJUNCTION WITH CRAFT:

But Names Will Never Hurt Me - Waber XFic (P)
Tell Them My Name is Amanda - Wold XFic (P)
Let's Find Out About Names - Pitt X929.4 (P)
If you have time, look up meanings of participants' names before doing craft.

MATERIALS:

Construction paper - various colors
Glue
Felt-tipped pens - various colors
Yarn

ADVANCE PREPARATIONS:

1. Cut construction paper into strips 1 1/2" X24", with an inverted "V" in bottom.
2. Cut construction paper into 2" squares.
3. Cut yarn into 10" lengths.

DIRECTIONS:

1. Select one strip of construction paper and one piece of yarn.
2. Choose one construction paper square for each letter in child's first name.
3. Tie a knot in yarn to form a loop.
4. Fold down about 1" of construction paper strip, measuring from the straight edge. Lay yarn under fold; glue paper flap down.
5. Spell out child's name on paper square, one letter per square, using felt-tipped pens.
6. Space paper squares evenly down strips, laying them diagonally across strip to resemble diamonds. Glue squares to strip.
7. Additional construction paper and/or felt pen decoration may be added.

Source: Highlights
June/July 1980

Contributed by: Barbara Espindola
La Habra, 61

NECKLACE/Paperclip

Age Group 5-8 Time Required 60 minutes

Number of Participants Unlimited Help Needed 1 adult/15 children

STORIES TO USE IN CONJUNCTION WITH CRAFT:

Loon's Necklace - Toy X398.097 (P)
Any Mother's Day Story

MATERIALS FOR EACH NECKLACE:

Paper clips (small)
Contact paper remnants (no flocked papers)
Scissors

ADVANCE PREPARATIONS:

Draw 1" squares on backs of smaller pieces of contact paper.

DIRECTIONS:

1. Make a paper clip chain large enough to go easily over your head.
2. Cut paper into 1" squares.
3. Crease square in center; unfold.
4. Remove backing from paper, wrap tightly around one paper clip.
5. Secure paper with clear tape if paper comes off clip. All foil papers must be taped, but children like them best.

Source: Ann Ague

Contributed by: Jane Self
Laguna Beach, 11

NECKLACE/Spice

Age Group 6 and up — Time Required 45 minutes

Number of Participants 35 — Help Needed 1 adult/20 children

STORIES TO USE IN CONJUNCTION WITH CRAFT:

Amber Day - Galdone X398.0973

MATERIALS:

8 Cans whole allspice
5 Cans whole cloves
Needles with large eyes (one per participant)
Brown "button and carpet" thread

ADVANCE PREPARATIONS:

1. Soak spices overnight in water to soften; remove about 1/2 hour before craft time and drain in a single layer on paper towels.
2. Cut thread to lengths to fit comfortably over child's head when doubled, approximately 50".
3. If group is young, thread needles and knot thread together at bottom.

DIRECTIONS:

1. Thread needle; tie ends of thread together.
2. Thread allspice and cloves on to necklace in any pattern desired.
3. When all but 3 or 4" of thread have been covered by spices, cut off needle and tie ends of necklace together to form a continuous loop.
4. If desired, a bracelet may be made instead of a necklace.

Contributed by: Phyllis Brown
University Park, 20

OJOS DE DIOS (Eyes of God)

Age Group 5-15 Time Required 30-60 minutes

Number of Participants Unlimited Help Needed 1 adult/20 children

STORIES TO USE IN CONJUNCTION WITH CRAFT:

Use during story programs with a Mexican theme.

MATERIALS FOR EACH "EYE":

Bright colored yarn
2 Wooden dowels or popsicle sticks
Glue or cloth tape

ADVANCE PREPARATIONS:

1. Cut dowels 3/8" in diameter into 3 1/2" and 7" lengths.
2. Glue sticks and start center weaving if group is young.

DIRECTIONS:

1. Glue two sticks together to form a cross.
2. Weave yarn around sticks (always come under each stick and loop yarn around it on the same side to form a flat surface, unless a textured surface is desired.
3. Change yarn colors by tying end of new color to free end of old color and continue wrapping.

Contributed by: Julia Hauge
San Clemente, 14

PAPER SCULPTURE/Quillery

Age Group 5-9 Time Required 10-45 minutes

Number of Participants Unlimited Help Needed 1 adult/20 children

STORIES TO USE IN CONJUNCTION WITH CRAFT:

Easy Quillery - Amidon X745.54 (I)
Encourage children to create objects and/or characters from stories told earlier in program.

MATERIALS:

Bright construction paper, various colors
Tape
Stapler

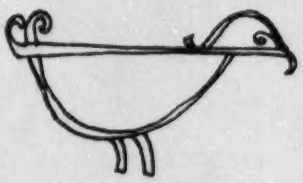
ADVANCE PREPARATIONS:

Cut construction paper into strips 1" wide and of varying lengths.

DIRECTIONS:

1. Curve or curl paper into various shapes; staple or tape together. designs may be abstract or representational, as in illustrations.

2. Small paper curls can be used to fill in open spots, if desired. Strips may be cut or torn to any length.



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Westminster, 32

PAPER SCULPTURE/Stuffed

Age Group 5 and up — Time Required 30-60 minutes

Number of Participants Unlimited — Help Needed 1 adult/10 children

STORIES TO USE IN CONJUNCTION WITH CRAFT:

Encourage children to create objects and/or characters from stories told earlier in program.

MATERIALS:

White Kraft or butcher paper
Scissors
Crayons, felt-tipped pens or paint
Glue and/or staples
Crumpled newspapers

DIRECTIONS:

1. Determine what will be made (animal characters from books are especially good and make excellent library decorations) and draw outline on piece of Kraft paper, folded crosswise.
2. Cut out design through both layers of paper, leaving a 1" border. Wrong sides will be together.
3. Decorate front and back of figure.
4. Glue along one side.
5. Lightly stuff from open side with crumpled newspapers.
6. Glue second side.
7. If desired, children can trace outlines of themselves on large, doubled sheets of 36" wide Kraft paper and decorate figure to look like themselves. It this is done, staple - don't glue - stuffed figures, leaving less than 1" between staples.

Contributed by: Jane Self
Laguna Beach, 11

PATCHWORK CURTAIN

Age Group All Ages

Time Required See project directions

Number of Participants Unlimited

Help Needed None

STORIES TO USE IN CONJUNCTION WITH CRAFT:

May be used as a group project or Summer Reading "reward" Each child makes one square, and curtain becomes a prominent library decoration.

MATERIALS:

12" Squares of muslin
Permanent felt pens
Bias tape (various colors)
Thread
Sewing machine

ADVANCE PREPARATIONS:

None

DIRECTIONS:

1. With permanent felt pens, draw any design desired on muslin square.
2. Each participant should sign his square at least 2" from any edge, to avoid losing his name in the seams.
3. When ready to assemble curtain, sew squares together, wrong side to wrong side using 1/3" seam (raw seam should be on the right side of curtain). Sew bias tape over rough seams - this gives a finished look to both sides of curtain.

Source: Original

Contributed by: Jane Self
Laguna Beach, Il

PUPPY/Styrofoam

Age Group 3 and up — Time Required 20-30 minutes

Number of Participants Unlimited — Help Needed 1 adult/20 children

STORIES TO USE IN CONJUNCTION WITH CRAFT:

Harry, the Dirty Dog - Zion XFic (P)
Hector, the Dog Who Loves Fleas - Wende XFic (P)
Any "Peanuts" story

MATERIALS FOR EACH PUPPY:

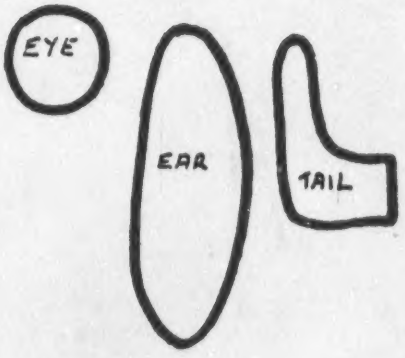
2 Styrofoam hot drink cups, white
1 Small black pom-pom or construction paper circle
1 Brad
Black felt or construction paper
Glue, tape or paste

ADVANCE PREPARATIONS:

Prepare patterns for or cut out two ears, two eyes and one tail from black felt or construction paper for each puppy.

DIRECTIONS:

1. Attach side of one cup to top of another, with brad, as illustrated.
2. Glue "ears" to sides of top cup.
3. Glue "eyes" to sides of top cup
4. Glue felt, pom-pom or paper nose to top cup.



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El Toro, 19

PUPPY/Valentine

Age Group 3-10 Time Required 10 minutes

Number of Participants Unlimited Help Needed 1 adult/15 children

STORIES TO USE IN CONJUNCTION WITH CRAFT:

Any Valentine or dog story. Can be adapted into many other animals by making different "head" shapes.

MATERIALS FOR EACH PUPPY:

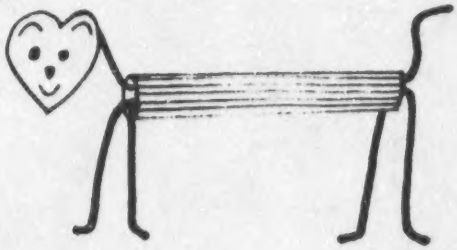
Construction paper (white or pink)
3 Pipe cleaners (white or pink)
1/2 Plastic straw
Glue
Scissors
Pencils, crayons

ADVANCE PREPARATIONS:

Cut straws in half.

DIRECTIONS:

1. Thread three pipe cleaners through plastic straw half. Center straw an even distance from both ends of cleaners.
2. Bend down two of the pipe cleaners at each end, to make legs. Bend "feet" at ends of legs.
3. Bend third pipe cleaner up at each end, forming a neck and tail.
4. Cut a small heart from construction paper. Draw a face on heart and glue to end of "neck".



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Los Alamitos-Rossmoor, 32

RAINBOW PICTURE

Age Group 4-7 Time Required 15-20 minutes

Number of Participants Unlimited Help Needed 1 adult/10 children

STORIES TO USE IN CONJUNCTION WITH CRAFT:

Use any story or poem about rainbows, clouds, rain or spring.

MATERIALS FOR EACH PICTURE:

Construction paper: White -8 1/2" X 11"
Gray, yellow 4" squares
Orange, red, Green, Dark Blue, Purple-1 1/2" x 11" strips

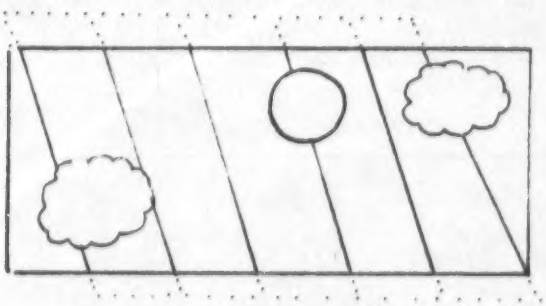
Glue

ADVANCE PREPARATIONS:

None

DIRECTIONS:

1. Cut out one yellow sun - approximately 3 1/4" round
2. Cut out two gray clouds.
3. Place orange, red, green, dark blue and purple strips diagonally across center of white paper in a rainbow from glue. Cut off ends.
4. Arrange clouds and sun over rainbow; glue.



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Mesa Verde, 22

ROCK PAINTING

Age Group 5 and up

Time Required 15-30 minutes

Number of Participants Unlimited

Help Needed 1 adult/20 children

STORIES TO USE IN CONJUNCTION WITH CRAFT:

Stone Soup - Brown X398.0944 (P)
Stonecutter - McDermott X398.0952 (P)

MATERIALS FOR EACH PAINTING:

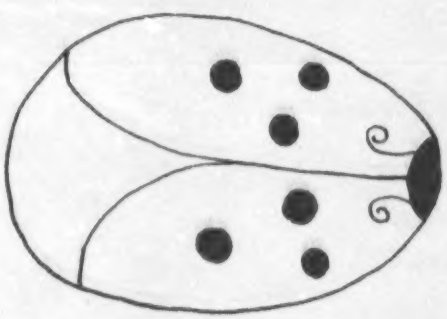
1 Smooth rock
1 Paint brush
Paper cups to wash out brushes
Acrylic paints
Spray lacquer

ADVANCE PREPARATIONS:

1. Gather several smooth rocks for each anticipated participant
2. Wash rocks thoroughly in soapy water
3. Dry rocks thoroughly.

DIRECTIONS:

1. Decorate rock with acrylic paint, either by turning the entire rock into something (a lady bug or turtle), or by painting a scene or design on the rock.
2. Be sure to rinse brush thoroughly before changing colors.
3. Allow paints to dry.
4. Spray rock with lacquer to protect finish.



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Laguna Beach, 11

SAND PAINTING

Age Group 6 and up | Time Required 30 minutes

Number of Participants 25 | Help Needed 1 adult/12 children

STORIES TO USE IN CONJUNCTION WITH CRAFT:

Children can create a design to illustrate any story.

MATERIALS:

- Sandpaper
- Colored sand (3 or 4 colors)
- Small bowls
- Glue
- Small paint brushes
- Pencils

ADVANCE PREPARATIONS:

1. Color sand: put 2-3 cups of sand (can be from beach or builder's supply) into a strong plastic bag. Add 10-12 drops liquid food color. Shake until sand is a uniform color. Repeat for deeper color. Sand will not be too bright. Dry sand for several hours on baking pans in an unlit gas oven or in a low electric oven. A little sand goes a long way; this should last for several craft sessions.
2. Put sand into bowls, a different bowl for each color.
3. Put a little glue into clean, empty bowls.

DIRECTIONS:

1. Children should work in groups of 5-6, each group sharing 1 bowl of glue and 1 bowl of each color of sand. Use lots of newspaper to catch any spills. If the children are warned to be careful with glue and sand, this need not be a messy project, and the results are very nice.
2. Draw design on sand paper with pencil.
3. Dip brush into glue; outline design portions to be covered with one color of sand.
4. Work with one color at a time. Using a little sand in fingers, sprinkle sand over glue. Tap sandpaper over bowl to allow excess sand to fall back into bowl.
5. Repeat 3 and 4 with additional colors until design is complete.

Contributed by: Lynn Eisenhut
Library Headquarters

SHELL/DRIFTWOOD ORNAMENTS
Inexpensive

Age Group 5-15 Time Required 10-20 minutes

Number of Participants 30 Help Needed 1 adult/15 children

STORIES TO USE IN CONJUNCTION WITH CRAFT:

Any story with a nature theme.

MATERIALS:

- Small pieces of driftwood
- Dried seaweed
- Feathers
- Small seashells
- Small, smooth pebbles (if desired)
- Yarn (if desired)
- Glue
- Construction paper
- Scissors
- Crayons
- Felt-tipped pens

ADVANCE PREPARATIONS:

Place each different type of material in its own small container.

DIRECTIONS:

1. Choose small pieces of driftwood to decorate.
2. Decide what driftwood might become: an abstract ornament, animal, planter, coaster, napkin ring, paperweight, etc.
3. Select seaweeds, feathers, shells and/or pebbles to glue onto driftwood.
4. If desired, children may choose to make pictures by gluing pebbles, shells, etc. onto construction paper.
5. They may also thread, tie or glue small stone items to yarn to create bracelets, necklaces and/or headbands.

Contributed by: Beatrice Carswell
Stanton, 36

SNOWMAN / Marshmallow

Age Group 5 and up

Time Required 20 minutes

Number of Participants Unlimited

Help Needed 1 adult/20 children

STORIES TO USE IN CONJUNCTION WITH CRAFT:

Holiday, snow or winter themes
Song: "Frosty the Snowman"

MATERIALS:

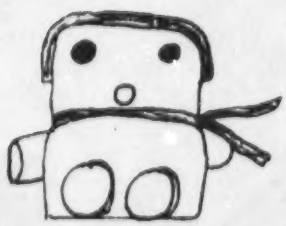
2 Large mashmallows
4 Miniature marshmallows
1 Green felt strip, 1/2" X6"
1 Red felt strip, 1/2" X4"
Glue
3 Sequins

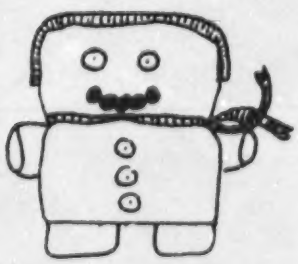
ADVANCE PREPARATIONS: None.

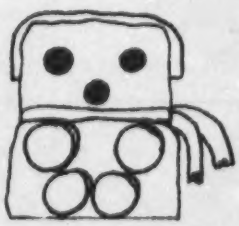
It is a good idea to have extra marshmallows on hand for munching.

DIRECTIONS:

1. Glue 2 large marshmallows one on top of the other, flat sides together.
2. Glue 4 small marshmallows to one large marshmallow as shown. These are the snowman's arms and legs.
3. Wrap green felt around snowman's "neck" as a muffler and glue in place.
4. Glue red felt over the top marshmallow to resemble ear muffs.
5. Glue sequins to top marshmallow to form a face.
6. Allow to dry several minutes before handling again. May be used as a tree ornament.







Contributed by: Gayle Kaufman
Tustin, 24

SOLDIER/Clothespin

Age Group 6 and up — Time Required 45 minutes

Number of Participants Unlimited — Help Needed 1 adult/15 children

STORIES TO USE IN CONJUNCTION WITH CRAFT:

Steadfast Tin Soldier - Andersen X398.21 (P)

MATERIALS FOR EACH SOLDIER:

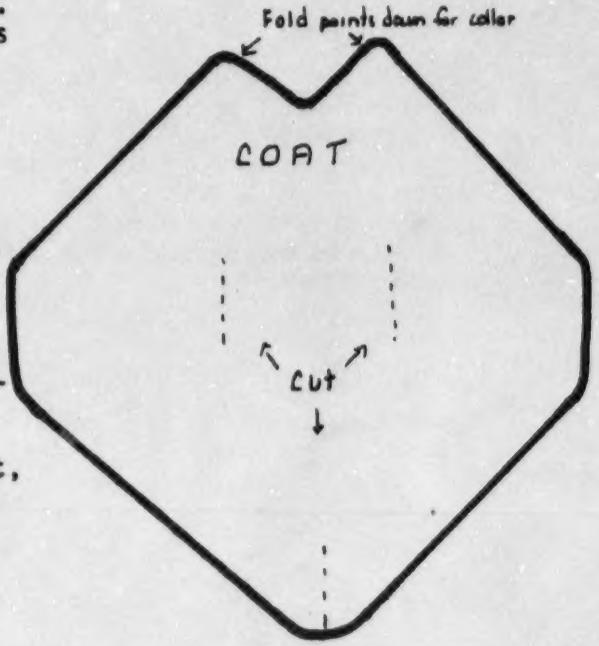
1	Wooden clothespin (non-spring type) - can be purchased at craft stores with or without stand	
1/2	Red pipe cleaner	Masking tape
1	Small black pom-pom	Black enamel shiny spray paint
	Black Spray paint	
	Red felt	
	White felt	

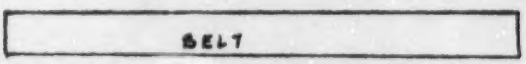
ADVANCE PREPARATIONS:

1. Mask top knob and upper half of clothespin; spray lower half black. Spray stand black, if used.
2. Make patterns for coat and belt.
3. If group is young, cut out coats and belts.

DIRECTIONS:

1. Cut coat out of red felt.
2. Cut belt out of white felt.
3. Draw face on knob at top of clothespin.
4. Twist pipe cleaner around clothespin as "arms".
5. Wrap red felt coat around clothespin put arms through arm-holes. Overlap coat in front and glue in place.
6. Glue belt around soldier's waist, overlapping in front.
7. Dab glue on top of clothespin knob glue on black pom-pom hat.





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STOP LIGHT
Easy/Inexpensive

Age Group 3-6 Time Required 10 minutes

Number of Participants Unlimited Help Needed 1 adult/15 children

STORIES TO USE IN CONJUNCTION WITH CRAFT:

Red Light, Green Light - MacDonald XFic (P)

MATERIALS:

Construction paper: Black Yellow
Red Green

Glue

ADVANCE PREPARATIONS:

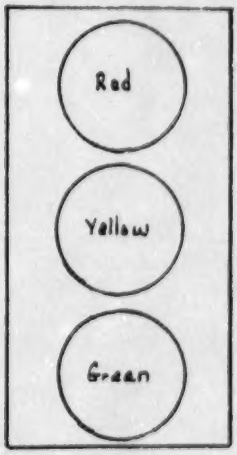
1. Cut black construction paper into strips 4 1/2" x 12", one for each participant.
2. Cut red, yellow and green construction paper into circles, 3 1/2" in diameter. Each participant should receive one circle of each color.

DIRECTIONS:

1. Glue construction paper circles to black strip, as shown:
2. Recite poem before and after craft:

STOPLIGHT

Red on top
Green below
Red says STOP!
Green says GO!
Yellow says wait
Even if you're late.



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